

St. Mark's Lion



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Dear St Marks, Relative Miracles:



I just sat down in the family waiting area of the VA hospital in Augusta. Next to me are the personal effects of a man we all met over nine years ago. His closest biological family is in Illinois but his closest "relative" is in the family waiting room.

Since walking into the chapel for the healing service 9.5 years ago, the only word that can describe the healing power of this parish and God in his life is "miracle". It is appropriate that we are here about 11:00 on a Thursday. That's when the Holy Spirit showed up almost exactly 500 weeks ago and literally began to transform him at the healing service, and that's where this morning, John Butin and 30 or so faithful people will be praying for the biopsy and lung function tests he will receive over the next 48 hours to determine a diagnosis. It's where miracles happen and where relatives are introduced.

Nine and a half years later. He has a driver's license and a car. He has steady income. He has a place to worship and just recently a more affordable place to live (St Marks Towers). But more importantly, he has another family who loves him and will never leave his side. These relatives are 465 strong and they are powerful warriors. Most importantly, he has a savior relative who loves him and will never leave his side and that's a miracle.

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I'm going back to pray for him in just a moment, as I was humbled and blessed to do two weeks ago for Willetta and like so many of us have done for each other for 158 years

Simultaneously, I am poignantly aware that back home, other parish members are struggling with jobs, marriages, finals, addictions, and transitions. It brings tears sometimes... but not because I am sad. Because simultaneously, I am also aware that nine of our members are graduating from high school. One of them is my son.

All nine of them are my relatives. In fact, all 465 of you are my relatives.

And it's overwhelming

Overwhelming to belong to a family that never lets go, never gives in, and always stands in testimony to the miracles of resurrection that rain down on everyone from the baby we baptized Easter Sunday morning to the folks at Magnolia manor to the couple we married and family we buried.

The other folks in the waiting area are looking at me strangely because they think the tears don't make sense with my smile.

They don't know Lions. We are relative miracles.

Peace

Fr. Alan



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July 29 - August 2

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Outrageous Fun for ages 2nd – 6th grade

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BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

April 6th: The Brotherhood held a cookout at Morningstar. Our cooks performed well as the children consumed all the food!!!!

Thank you to the following brothers who facilitated the cookout: Terry Carroll, Will Whatley, Mike VanBrunt, Baxter Peffer and Bill Turner.



5th Annual Brunswick Police & Fire

Thank You Luncheon May 3rd

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be hosting our 5th Annual Thank You Luncheon for the Brunswick Police and Fire personnel on Friday, May 3rd, in the Parish Hall from 11:45am to 1:30pm. We are expecting to provide lunch for from 50-60 first responders.

5th Annual All Men's FREE BBQ Dinner May 16th!

All MEN of the Parish are invited to the 5th Annual FREE BBQ DINNER hosted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Thursday, May 16th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. We'll have a social time, dinner and a little bit of information regarding the workings of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew!

Brotherhood of St. Andrew May Calendar:

May 2nd (Thursday)... Directors Meeting 6:00pm.

May 3rd (Friday)... 5th Annual Thank You Lunch for Police & Fire 11:45am.

May 16th (Thursday) ...All Men's Free BBQ Dinner & General Meeting 6:00pm.



Great job children's ministry
on the bookmarks created
for the Pastoral Care
Easter Bags!

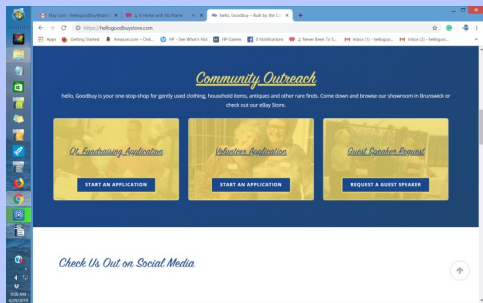
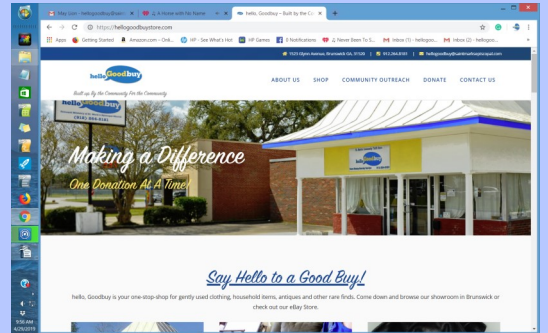


hello, Goodbuy - The Monthly Scoop

We were excited to launch our New and Improved Website! A big shout out to the work done by Coastal Computer Consulting, it looks great! Be sure to check it out @ www.hellogoodbuystore.com

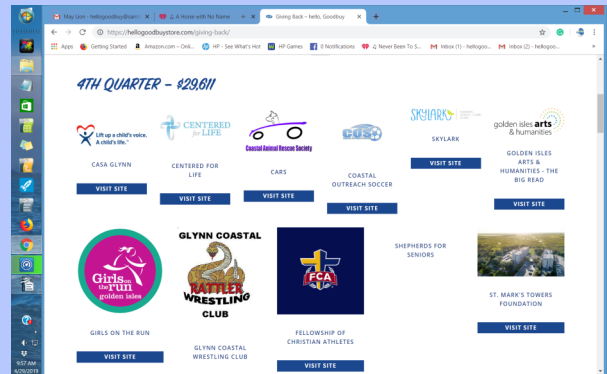
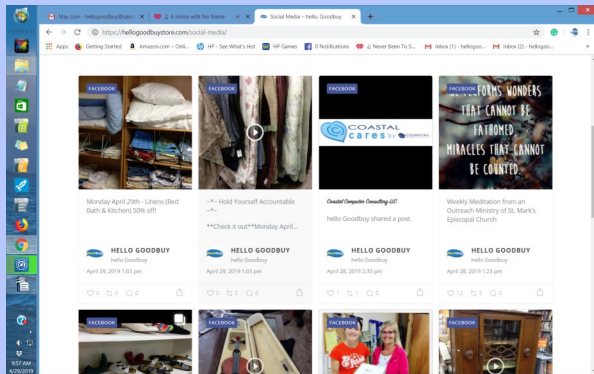
On the site you can now:

1. Follow our thread of **Social Media** Posts – including daily sales & features/antiques.
2. **Funding Requests** can be filled out online – The **NEXT DEADLINE** is **WEDNESDAY MAY 15th**.
3. **Pick Up Requests** are now easy to make online!
4. Our **Giving Back Database** is now complete with logos and links to our recipients' websites.
5. Can you think of a civic group, church group, etc. that should hear more about what we do and how they can help serve our Community through hello, Goodbuy? Have them fill out a **Guest Speaker Request Form**
6. We still find ourselves in **GREAT NEED** of volunteers



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ANSWER YOUR CALL TO SERVE TODAY**

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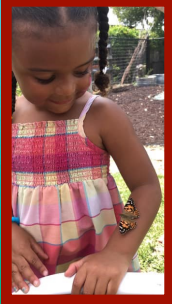


St. Mark's Episcopal Day School Invites you to an interactive
Art Show and Fundraiser
On Friday, May 10 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

All proceeds from Art Sale and Silent auction will go towards the purchase of curriculum materials, expanded preschool library, and classroom wish list items which include: puppet theater, kid friendly furniture, STEM Toys and materials.

Festival of New Life

was a HUGE SUCCESS thanks to all our amazing volunteers!





ECW News...

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Altar Guild

The Altar Guild had been busy the weeks prior to Easter, cleaning, polishing and arranging everything for Easter. We thank Marian for ordering and picking up the azaleas and lilies. Marian, Judy, Elisabeth, Carolyn, Nancy and Rosalind did an excellent job of placing and arranging the flowers. With Jo, BJ, Kathy, Kay, Nancy, Mary, Trish, Bev, Mary T, Nancy, Judy, Elisabeth and Mona all cleaning weeks before, St. Mark's Church looked great for Easter. Thank you all. The Altar Guild will continue to serve St. Mark's for every service, with great pleasure. We look forward for new people join the Altar Guild.

With God's Blessing, Steve Crowder

Garden News

The Festival of Life brought lots of visitors of all ages to explore the wonders of the Brubaker Garden. We gave tours and identified the crops, plus the little ones were able to plant their own sunflower seeds in pots to take home. Many thanks to Evie Akridge and Kit Crank for their cheerful assistance in the potting shed teaching the young gardeners.

What's the garden producing now? So far this Spring we have had strawberries, blueberries, leeks, onions and sugar snap peas, a variety of lettuces and the ever-faithful collards. Pole beans, pumpkins and sweet potatoes will be our succession crops. The zinnias reseeded themselves and are giving a colorful greeting to all who visit. Currently we have over 20 different vegetables we are managing. We are approaching our summer garden with scheduled interventions to discourage bugs/worms from choosing our plants to eat! We are "cooking compost" with additions of St. Mark's used coffee and filters thanks to the composter donation by Kaki Thurber.

Many thanks to those who helped with the Garden Cleanup! You accomplished so much in one hour!

Our pergola was installed by the skilled and enthusiastic efforts of Ed Hatcher, Mike Van Brunt, Jack Brodhag and Baxter Peffer. Already the hardy kiwi fruit planted is giving us vigorous vines. The fruit may take a couple of years but should produce non-fuzzy edible sweet red fruit larger than grapes.

What do we currently need? Our hope is for a small Honda gas (we have no electricity available) mini tiller we can use instead of paying \$300.00 every time the garden needs tilling for our multiple growing seasons. Do you have one sitting idle in your garage? Many of you generously have donated extra garden tools and equipment which we so appreciate! Thank you!

The Garden Ladies

Kitchen

Everyone - the kitchen directional sign is up, hanging behind the door with corresponding numbers on cabinets. Hope this will help everyone that uses the kitchen.

Rosalind Crowder

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St. Agnes Guild

St. Agnes Guild did not meet in April due to prior commencements and illness. It is imperative that we meet in May since we will have a fellowship hour in June. The date for May meeting is **May 16th in the Mixon Hall at 3 pm.** Ruth Kent will contact all members.

St. Margaret's Guild

We baked cookies and packed bags for shut-ins for Easter, and we provided food for funeral reception on April 23. We cooked and provided books for the Morningstar kids. Our guild volunteered with the Festival of Life, which was an outstanding event.

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's members had a great time serving BBQ dinner to the residents of St. Mark's Towers at the April Birthday Supper. Several members helped with the funeral reception for James Moore, a Youngner family member, and several more will make brownies for the Brotherhood's Appreciation Lunch for the city firefighter and police officers. We will have our May meeting on Saturday, May 25th at Marshside Grill - anyone interested in attending can talk to any guild member.

UTO – United Thank Offering is scheduled for May 26 or June 2; Ascension Day is May 30.

ECW

We will provide \$225 to a scholarship for 1 student to attend each of the sessions of the Day School summer art program. Along with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, we will provide 5 children the opportunity to attend one week of the arts camp.

Jane Lafferty attended the ECW/DOK meeting in Augusta April 26-27th. St. Mark's **collected 68 bras** for the "Free the Girls" campaign, which allows women from 3rd world countries to sell the bras as part of their initiative for independence. The photo indicates our commitment.



The evening dinner event was held at Church of Our Savior, Martinez, and Jane was thrilled to visit with The Reverend Al Crumpton and his wife, Val at their church.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

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Joel Arline	1	Alyssa Glasscock	15	Barrett Thompson	24
Sarah Butin	1	Nancy MacKenzie	15	Ed Williams	28
Luis Olivares	1	Bill Newnam	15	Johnny Moore	28
Samantha Page	3	Barbara Dieterman	16	Clay Caldwell	29
Ginny Page	4	Elizabeth Toney	17	Sophia Braswell	30
Scott Toney	4	Scott Emery	17	Jenna Caldwell	30
Carolyn Morgan	5	Dottie Brodhag	21	Nikolas McGill	31
Jeff Buerstatte	5	Ernie Curry	22		
Vallerie Patron	10	Libby Swaney	23		
Gabriel Page	14				
Joel & Ali Arline	2	Ernie & Kay Curry	22		
Jonathan & Patrice Havens	4	William & Michelle Whatley	25		
Ross & Heather Cotton	4	Rob & Marilyn Lear	27		
Olin & Marian Fraser	8	Rogelio & Tracy Quintanar	27		
Neal & Elizabeth Henderson	9	Don McWaters &			
James & Jessica Snyder	13	Debbie Craven-McWaters	29		